

Harris's Sparrow

EA: 7 Oct (ad.), Urbana (RC); 15 Oct, Linc.P (CA). MC: 2, Clin.L, 21 Oct (RC); 2, Bloomington (McLean Co), 28 Nov (HH, m.ob.). LD: 23-24 Nov, HL (FH, WR); 19 Nov, Orland P (Cook Co) (WS). Others: 21 Oct, Winnebago Co (DW); 2 Nov, Fermi (JP); 4 Nov, Urbana (RC).

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 20 Sep (2), JP (PC, BWH); 20 Sep ("Gambel's" race), Chi (Olive P) (KW); 4 Oct, Urbana (RC). MC: 100, Clin.L, 21 Oct (RC); 86, GrantP, 16 Oct (DFS); 70, Urbana, 4 Nov (RC); 20, Carl.L, 5 Nov (KM, FB, DK).

Dark-eyed Junco

EA: 15 Sep, JP (DJJ); 1 Oct, SandRdg (R&SBj); 5 Oct, HL (KM). MC: 700, Urbana, 4 Nov (RC); 400, Clin.L, 4 Nov (RC); 385, GrantP, 19 Oct (DFS). "Oregon Junco" — 13 Oct (female), Bloomington (McLean Co) (MR); 4 Nov (male), Evanston (EW); 10 Nov, (male), Chiquapin Bluffs (Woodford Co) (MF); 12 Nov (male), Carl.L (DK:ph.).

Lapland Longspur

EA: 26 Sep, Chau (MR, HDB, DB); 5 Oct, CBG (MM); 8 Oct, Clin.L (RC). MC: 1000+, Carl.L, 12 Nov (DK).

Smith's Longspur

EA: 3 Nov (4), McDonough Co (JGR). MC: 17, McDonough Co, 11 Nov (JGR et al.) — record fall high count. LD: 14 Nov (8), McDonough Co (JGR).

Snow Bunting

EA: 28 Oct (33), IBSP (AS); 28 Oct, Linc.P (RC, UG); 14 Nov, Urbana (RC).

Northern Cardinal

MC: 58, e. Kankakee Co, 17 Oct (DFS); 48, Carl.L, 23 Oct (KM).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

EA: 22 Aug, JP (KC); 4 Sep (4), Carl.L (DK). MC: 30, Urbana, 21 Sep (RC); 22, Carl.L, 12 Sep (KM); 15, JP, 20 Sep (PC). LD: 10 Oct, Urbana (RC); 6 Oct, Evanston (MM).

Blue Grosbeak

LD: 17 Sep, HL (FB); 12 Sep, Urbana (RC). Others: 22 Jul - Aug 7 (active nest site), E. St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (DK).

Indigo Bunting

MC: 120, 18 Bottoms (Franklin Co), 5 Oct (LS) — record fall high count by 70 birds. LD: 23 Oct, Carl.L (KM); 15 Oct, Evanston (EW); 15 Oct, Fermi (PS).

PAINTED BUNTING

29 Jul - Aug 7 (male at active nest site), E. St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (*DK:ph., KM, FB, m.ob.); 30 Jul - Aug 7 (female feeding 3 fledglings), E. St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (*DK:ph., m.ob.).

Dickcissel

MC: 80+, sw. Franklin Co, 1 Sep (LS) — an extraordinary fall high count based on recent Illinois journals, where fall counts have not exceeded 14 birds, but see Bohlen 1989 for a roost of 485 birds in Illinois on 10 Aug 1918. LD: 16 Oct (2), Wayne Fitzgerald SP (Franklin Co) (LS).

Bobolink

EA: 31 Aug, IBSP (KM); 5 Sep, Evergreen L (McLean Co) (MR). MC: 4, Carl.L, 16 Sep (KM); 4, JP, 20 Sep (PC, BWH). LD: 20 Sep, JP (PC). Low numbers.

Red-winged Blackbird

MC: 1500, Bureau Co, 2 Oct (DFS); 1375+, IBSP, 27 Oct (EW).

Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 3 Oct, JP (JR). MC: 40, Chiquapin Bluffs (Woodford Co), 11 Nov (MF); 23, Urbana, 23 Nov (RC); 23, s. Kankakee Co, 17 Oct (DFS); 22, Madison Co, 30 Sep (JZ).

Western Meadowlark

LD: 17 Oct (2), e. Kankakee Co (DFS).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

LD: 20 Sep, Lake Villa (Lake Co) (RB).

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 6 Oct, IBSP (EW); 14 Oct, LShel (RC). MC: 100+, Urbana, 14 Nov (RC); 75, Afton FP (De Kalb Co), 20 Oct (DJS); 16, LCal, 22 Oct (AS). LD: 28 Nov, St. Clair Co (KM); 17 Nov, IBSP (AS).

Brewer's Blackbird

LD: 21 Oct, Clin.L (RC). Reports of up to 50 birds in far e. Illinois merit documentation.

Common Grackle

MC: 100,000, Trenton (Clinton Co), 11 Nov (DK) — second highest fall count on record.

Brown-headed Cowbird

LD: 21 Oct, Clin.L (RC). LD (north): 14 Nov (10), IBSP (EW).

Orchard Oriole

LD: 19 Aug, Fishhook Wildlife Management Area (Moultrie Co) (RC); 19 Aug, HL (FB).

Baltimore Oriole

MC: 13, IBSP, 20 Aug (RC). LD: 12 Sep, Clin.L (RC); 12 Sep, Carl.L (KM); 5 Sep, JP (MS).

Purple Finch

EA: 12 Sep (4), Urbana (RC). MC: 40, IBSP, 27 Oct (EW); 30, Urbana, 28 Oct (RC). LD: 14 Nov, IBSP (EW).

House Finch

MC: 78, Putnam Co, 14 Oct (DFS); 50, Pulaski Co, 2 Dec (KM, DK, FB); 50, Vance Township (Vermilion Co), all fall (JOS); 20, Evanston, 1 Oct (EW).

Red Crossbill

EA: 25 Sep, IBSP (DJ et al.). MC: 78, SandRdg, 24 Nov (EW et al.). Others: 12-18 Nov, Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co) (JP, m.ob.); 15 Nov, SandRdg (R&SBj); 30 Nov (male), Argyle L SP (McDonough Co) (JGR).

Pine Siskin

EA: 9 Sep, Palatine (Cook Co) (CF) — record early arrival by five days in wake of avian fallout the previous day; 7 Oct (7), Urbana & Mahomet (Champaign Co) (RC); 20 Oct, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KM). MC: 100+, Clin.L, 11 Nov (RC); 36, Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co), 25 Nov (EW).

American Goldfinch

MC: 250, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co), 7 Oct (DW); 250, IBSP, 3 Oct (DJ); 20, Carl.L, 25 Oct (KM).

House Sparrow

MC: 320, Evanston, 1 Oct (EW); 200, Vance Township (Vermilion Co), all fall (JOS).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 28, MTwain, 17 Sep (TB); 25, Chau, 14 Sep (KM). Others: 12 Nov, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) — range expansion eastward (KM).

Exotics

Common Shelduck — 19-26 Aug (imm.), HL (DK:ph., m.ob.).

European Goldfinch — 10 Oct, Chi (MM).

Orange Bishop — summer to 28 Oct+, Linc.P (JL, m.ob.).

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